Jammu Tawi-Udhampur rail-link was laid, upto which period the project was likely to be completed and the cost of the work initially estimated;

(b) what is the percentage of rise in the cost and by what percentage the cost is likely to escalate by the time the project is completed;

(c) what percentage of the work has been completed and by when the project is likely to be executed, stating the reasons for delay in its completion; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure that the work is completed according to the revised schedule, so as to avoid further cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The foundation stone was laid on 14.4.1983. The completion of the work would depend on the availability of resources in the coming years. The cost of the work as initially shown in the Budget (81-82 Supplementary) was Rs. 50 crore.

(b) The present estimated cost is Rs 112.27 crore which represents a rise of 122% over the original cost of the project. The percentage of future escalation cannot be predicted at this stage.

(c) 12.8%. The delay in completion is due to constraint of resources and the difficult nature of construction.

(d) Additional plan outlay and allocation for new lines is projected to the Planning Commission for completion of on-going projects.

Developing of Bhubaneswar Airport

34. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to develop Bhubaneswar Airport during 1989-90; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to extend the runway and to construct a new terminal complex at Bhubaneswar airport for making it suitable for Airbus operations.

Developing Tirupati as a tourist spot

35. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the Report of the study team, set-up to prepare infrastructure for putting Tirupati on the tourist map of the country; and

(b) if so, by when the final decision is expected to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ (PATIL): (a) The Central Government has not set up any Study Team in this regard, nor any such report has been received from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Directive to Pilots by the Indian Pilots Guild

36. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Pilots Guild has directed all the Air India's airbus pilots not to operate flights in case the aircraft is not certified as airworthy by an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer; and

(b) if so, what are the repercussions of this decision on the punctuality and operations of the Air India flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Indian Pilots Guild has issued a directive that all co-pilots of A-310 aircraft will not sign any certificate for aircraft which can only be done by a qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer for pilot's acceptance of general fitness of aircraft prior to a flight.

(b) All aircrafts are certified as airworthy by Aircraft Maintenance Engineer before flight departure as per the laid down procedure. However, in case of unscheduled diversions of aircraft to airports where the services of the licenced maintenance engineer is not available, the co-pilots have been authorised to carry out transit inspections and certify the aircraft under specified conditions.

Exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji

37. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a mass exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji in the wake of the 1987 military takeover; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There has been an exodus of professionals of some categories while in others there have been departures in significant numbers.

(b) Fijian professionals of Indian ethnic origin have migrated mainly to Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. They have not sought resettlement in India.

Additional expenditure incurred by the Railways

38. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the amount of additional expenditure incurred by the Railways between 1985 and 1989, yearwise, on account of the increases in the administered prices of coal and mineral oil products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The information is being collected from Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha shortly.

Freight transportation and profit earnings by Railway-zones

39. Dr. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of passengers carried, freight transported, and profit earned by each of the railway zones in the country; yearwise, from 1980 to 1988, and

(b) what are the most profitable and the least profitable zones in the country, when reckoned on the basis the money earned or losses suffered by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Figures of Passengers and freight carried and surplus/shortfall for the year 1980-81 to 1987-88 are given in the annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 4]. The surplus/shortfall reflects the position after adjustment of dividend to General Revenues.

(b) On the basis of result for 1987-88, the highest surplus was registered by the South Eastern Railway and the largest shortfall was on the Southern Railway.

Recruitment of SC/ST candidates by Indian Airlines

40. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any backlog in the